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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, BC, RH

SUBJECT: RHODESIAN INCURSIONS INTO BOTSWANA

LISBON FOR VICE PRESIDENT

1. BOTSWANAN AMBASSADOR MOOKODI DELIVERED FOLLOWING  
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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 112026 ACTION GABORONE LISBON LONDON  
PRETORIA CAPE TOWN LUSAKA MAPUTO DAR ES SALAAM MAY 16.

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